CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA

Sixty-second meeting of the Standing Committee
Geneva (Switzerland), 23-27 July 2012

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

MORNING

The Committee adopted the executive summary of the first session of the meeting, in document SC62 Sum. 1, with the following amendments:

– Under item 5, the words and to insert the words “of the Committee” after “alternate members” should be appended to the first paragraph;

– Under item 10.1, the following sentence should be appended to the paragraph: The Committee also noted the view that the change of structure of meetings of the Conference of the Parties should not result in more work being done in working groups, as this could disadvantage small delegations;

– Under item 10.2.4, the number “23.2”, at the end of the paragraph, should be changed to 23.6.

The Committee adopted the executive summary of the second session of the meeting, in document SC62 Sum. 2, with the addition of the following text:

10.3 Improving transparency of voting during meetings of the Conference of the Parties

The Committee noted document SC62 Doc. 10.3. The Committee also noted that the Member States of the European Union were considering the submission of a proposal to amend the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of the Parties in relation to the use of the secret ballot.

The Committee adopted the executive summary of the third session of the meeting, in document SC62 Sum. 3, without amendment.

The Committee adopted the executive summary of the fourth session of the meeting, in document SC62 Sum. 4, with the following amendments:

– Under item 15, the third paragraph should be amended to read as follows:

The following definition for Solely for purposes of the consultancy, and not for the purpose of serving as a definition of the measures provided for under Article XIV, paragraph 1(a), of the Convention ‘Stricter domestic measures’ is proposed for discussion means:

– Under item 19, the following sentence should be appended: The Committee recommended that Parties support the Virtual College.

40. Personal and household effects

The Committee endorsed the way forward recommended by the Working Group on Personal and Household Effects, namely that the Group would continue its work on a proposed annex to Resolution Conf. 13.7 (Rev. CoP14), finalize its report and, after obtaining approval from the Chair of the Standing Committee, submit the report for consideration at the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP16). The Working Group on Personal and Household Effects would also request the Working Group
on Special Reporting Requirements and the Working Group on Multilateral Measures to consider means for collating information about how each Party has implemented Resolution Conf. 13.7 (Rev. CoP14).

41. Registration of operations that breed Appendix-I animal species in captivity for commercial purposes ........................................................................ SC62 Doc. 41

The Committee postponed a decision on the acceptance or rejection of the registration applications from the Philippines until its 63rd meeting, so as to leave time to Indonesia and the Philippines to further their cooperation efforts and to report on progress at that meeting. The Committee also encouraged cooperation between Parties with ex situ breeding operations and those with in situ conservation programmes.

42. Great apes .................................................................................................................. SC62 Doc. 42

The Committee noted document SC62 Doc. 42 and requested the Secretariat to report on the technical mission to gorilla range States at CoP16.

44. Bushmeat.................................................................................................................. No document

The Standing Committee noted the verbal report of the Chair of the Central Africa Bushmeat Working Group (the Democratic Republic of the Congo), provided in compliance with Decisions 14.73 and 14.74 (Rev. CoP15). The Standing Committee requested that the Secretariat liaise with the Working Group for the preparation of the report that the Working Group should submit for CoP16.

45. Tibetan antelope ...................................................................................................... SC62 Doc. 45

The Committee noted document SC62 Doc. 45 and endorsed the recommendation that the Secretariat propose at CoP16 that the reporting requirement be deleted from the text of the Resolution.

47. Rhinoceroses ............................................................................................................. SC62 Doc. 47.1 and Doc. 47.2

The Committee noted documents SC62 Doc. 47.1 and Doc. 47.2 and endorsed the recommendations they contained. The Committee also endorsed the proposals made by the working group during the meeting, as detailed in document SC62 Inf. 13, which included that the Secretariat should send to the countries concerned the requests for information contained in document SC62 Inf. 13 and that the responses should be sent to the Secretariat, which would forward them to the Rhinoceros Working Group.